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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 changes out of 3 basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10-percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low-valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under-$100 formal imports shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10-percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1,000 to $2,000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]39,731	(X)	10,559	6,242	17,058	2,279	365	618	[2]175,247	(X)	28,373	15,102	98,905	17,540	4,862	331
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]14,953	4,767	1,616	5,648	1,300	68	284	(X)	[2]63,944	11,281	4,328	31,932	9,580	696	1,753
Massachusetts.....	660	452	166	(Z)	458	4	-	3	2,185	2,035	440	(Z)	2,284	32	-	15
Connecticut.....	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	76	74	65	-	2	-	-	-	473	469	452	-	2	-	-	-
New York.....	20,237	6,854	1,978	1,139	14,543	954	38	540	108,697	36,035	8,700	4,885	83,368	6,743	494	2,853
Philadelphia.....	208	158	(Z)	7	177	18	-	4	898	758	(Z)	13	642	217	-	23
Maryland.....	165	143	14	(Z)	123	14	-	1	744	430	9	8	635	23	-	54
Florida.....	10,015	3,351	4,585	4,877	16	3	-	1	16,735	5,218	6,619	9,525	51	19	-	14
New Orleans.....	540	95	463	41	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,299	392	1,005	182	53	(Z)	-	1
Galveston.....	581	400	279	65	168	16	-	36	1,994	1,273	794	66	782	90	-	211
Laredo.....	214	199	157	42	4	-	-	-	694	649	522	146	11	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	758	368	103	29	266	251	51	3	7,961	3,328	464	102	3,521	3,248	479	40
San Francisco.....	1,390	763	15	12	178	894	203	3	10,826	4,535	102	95	1,717	6,451	2,233	48
Oregon.....	12	12	(Z)	-	12	-	-	-	218	218	(Z)	-	218	-	-	-
Washington.....	339	283	245	1	16	20	9	-	1,643	941	977	9	293	125	161	-
Alaska.....	18	12	7	-	5	4	(Z)	-	148	69	19	-	47	73	6	-
Hawaii.....	42	15	11	1	(Z)	9	10	(Z)	217	79	43	2	13	95	53	(Z)
Montana and Idaho.....	51	51	46	-	-	-	-	-	186	186	178	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	97	97	78	-	(Z)	-	-	-	330	330	287	-	(Z)	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	71	17	13	-	(Z)	-	54	1	1,491	56	52	-	1	-	1,434	1
Michigan.....	274	171	50	-	213	1	(Z)	2	638	363	77	-	540	5	(Z)	10
Chicago.....	2,360	458	1,309	2	818	83	(Z)	15	10,449	2,259	5,530	15	4,250	337	1	52
Ohio.....	355	1	303	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,362	4	1,273	-	9	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	665	455	558	18	8	-	-	-	641	416	547	32	25	-	-	-
All other Customs districts.....	198	167	115	8	48	10	-	9	845	765	279	20	443	82	-	8
Special Category[3]	403	355	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,940	3,136	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.
[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	16,761	(X)	3,181	2,742	9,035	1,702	58	42	104,911	(X)	9,430	5,529	76,589	9,791	430	638
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	7,850	1,551	730	4,464	1,083	3	19	(X)	45,518	4,276	2,125	31,898	6,937	86	197
Massachusetts	114	63	8	-	99	6	-	-	950	683	297	-	565	42	-	-
Connecticut	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	50	50	50	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)	298	272	260	-	4	1	-	14
New York	9,691	4,883	411	174	8,256	772	40	39	82,683	33,978	3,737	2,289	70,397	4,040	158	584
Philadelphia	14	13	(Z)	-	14	-	-	-	114	79	6	-	76	-	-	-
Maryland	47	42	-	(Z)	45	2	-	-	550	452	-	4	513	3	-	-
Florida	3,943	1,321	1,435	2,476	7	25	(Z)	(Z)	4,862	1,938	1,721	3,003	52	5	2	1
New Orleans	251	174	249	(Z)	1	-	-	1	129	60	82	2	21	-	-	14
Galveston	36	24	27	4	1	3	-	-	142	41	76	9	26	2	-	-
Laredo	147	146	146	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	63	29	45	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-
Los Angeles	448	229	16	8	104	318	2	(Z)	3,795	1,552	282	169	1,665	1,434	87	7
San Francisco	561	408	3	1	74	468	14	(Z)	2,904	2,125	68	25	605	1,868	172	9
Oregon	8	8	-	-	7	1	-	-	34	27	-	-	19	7	-	-
Washington	48	26	22	(Z)	4	22	-	-	2,023	1,869	272	(Z)	21	1,656	-	-
Alaska	43	1	42	-	1	1	-	-	195	63	125	-	3	63	-	-
Hawaii	21	6	2	-	(Z)	17	2	-	229	105	3	-	1	183	10	-
Montana and Idaho	2	2	2	-	(Z)	-	-	-	99	94	93	-	1	-	-	-
Dakota	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	35	30	34	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	70	55	2	-	67	1	-	1	307	184	9	-	260	4	-	1
Chicago	451	175	76	(Z)	309	64	-	1	4,417	1,436	1,889	(Z)	1,930	475	-	7
Ohio	23	(Z)	14	-	9	-	-	-	203	3	58	-	117	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	761	204	661	78	20	2	(Z)	-	485	220	330	27	54	3	(Z)	-
All other Customs districts	30	20	13	-	16	1	1	-	383	280	43	-	259	6	1	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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